

Remarks


The following is a response to the Office Action dated August 26, 2003 in which the examiner has maintained her rejection of claims 15 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Thermodynamics EP 018525, and her rejection of claims 16 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Thermodynamics in view of Egeler DE 3443085. Moreover, the examiner indicated that claim 19 was only objected to.

Per the above amendment, claim 15 has been cancelled and the limitations of cancelled claim 15 have been incorporated to claim 19. Moreover, claims 16 and 17 each have been amended to depend from claim 19.

In light that claim 19 was only objected to, and has now been amended to incorporate the limitations of the cancelled claim 15 to which it depends, applicant respectfully requests the formal allowance of claim 19, as well as amended claims 16 and 17 which depend therefrom, and claim 18 which depends from claim 17.

As the other pending claims in this application have been allowed and the case has now been placed in condition for allowance, the examiner is respectfully requested to enter this amendment and pass the case to issue at an early date.

Respectfully submitted,



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